# Outreach Notice, GS-0462-5/6/7 Forestry Technician, Recreation Hood Canal Ranger District, Hoodsport, WA

# Please respond by November 1, 2016

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The Hood Canal Ranger District of the Olympic National Forest will soon be filling an **18/8 Forestry Technician (Recreation)** position which will serve as the Developed Recreation Lead for the Hood Canal Ranger District. This position could be filled either through the merit or DEMO dependent on outreach response.

This position is a permanent seasonal position, 18 pay periods of work will be guaranteed annually. The primary role of this position is the operations and maintenance of the developed recreation sites on the Hood Canal Ranger District, including campgrounds, trailheads, trail shelters, and rental cabins.

Priority job duties at full performance level include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Accurately following procedures for opening and closing campgrounds
- Recreation site safety inspections and condition surveys
- Hazard Tree inspections
- Water system testing
- Ensures recreational user compliance as a Forest Protection Officer and Collection Officer
- Updates developed recreation related job hazard analysis
- Identifies potential projects and improvements
- Field point of contact for Washington Conservation Corp crew

We are looking for someone who is interested in both field and office work environments, however, the majority of time will be spent in the field working alone. The ideal candidate would be a self starter and able to identify projects and other recreation needs with minimum direction. While this position will not directly supervise anyone, this position will serve as the work leader for developed recreation seasonal employees on the Hood Canal Ranger District.

To be successful, candidates should:

- Be customer service oriented.
- Be energetic, organized, resourceful, self-motivated, and able to think outside the box.
- Exhibit effective communication skills both internally and with external partners.
- Be adept at working independently or in a team setting.
- Take pride in being a steward of public lands and enjoy working with a diverse public.
- Represent the Forest Service in a professional manner and be responsible, honest, and accountable.
- Have strong computer skills in programs including MS Word, MS Excel, and MS Publisher

• Be capable of working alone in remote field conditions.



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This position may be filled at the GS-5, GS-6, or GS-7 level. Target grade for this position is a GS-7. Position advertisement will be determined through the outreach responses received.

Interested parties should complete the attached Outreach Response Form and return it to <a href="mailto:nllagioia@fs.fed.us">nllagioia@fs.fed.us</a>. Any questions regarding the position can be directed to Nicole LaGioia, District Recreation Manager at (360) 765-2213 or <a href="mailto:nllagioia@fs.fed.us">nllagioia@fs.fed.us</a>.

#### The Forest

The Olympic National Forest covers over 632,000 acres on the Olympic Peninsula in the northwest corner of Washington State. The Forest is divided into two Ranger Districts with the Pacific Ranger District office located in Forks, Washington and covering the land on the west side of the Peninsula. The Hood Canal District Ranger District is located on the east side of the Peninsula, along Hood Canal, with the District Office in Quilcene, Washington.

The Olympic Peninsula is a unique geophysical providence surrounded on three sides by saltwater. U.S. Highway 101 is the main travel route paralleling the Pacific Coast on the west, Strait of Juan de Fuca on the north, and inland waters of Puget Sound on the east. This 6,500 square mile area is an association of complex, winding ridges, rugged and precipitous mountains, deep canyons, and tree covered slopes.

The Olympic Peninsula has an incredible variety of environments within short distances. Within less than 50 miles between Mt. Olympus and the Pacific Ocean, the vegetation changes from the lush, temperate rain forests of the Hoh, Queets, and Quinault Valleys to an arctic environment of lichens and mosses above 7,000 feet. Heaviest precipitation occurs in the fall, reaching a peak in December and then decreasing in spring. Winter snowfall on the Peninsula ranges from 10 inches in the lower valleys to greater than 250 inches in the higher mountains. Summers are relatively dry, with warmer temperatures averaging near 70 degrees.

A multitude of recreational opportunities exist year-round on the Olympic National Forest. Auto touring, camping, picnicking, and backpacking are popular spring and summer activities. Fishing, hunting, hiking, berry picking, and mushrooming are enjoyed during the fall and winter months.

The combination of abundant rainfall, steep dissected landscapes, and a past legacy of intensive timber harvest and road building create numerous resource management challenges and opportunities. The Olympic National Forest is focused on restoration. We have a large and aggressive program and the Forest is recognized as one of the leaders in the Region for road decommissioning and stabilization projects.

Check out the Olympic National Forest web site at <a href="https://www.fs.fed.us/r6/olympic">www.fs.fed.us/r6/olympic</a> for more information on the Forest.

### Availability of government housing:

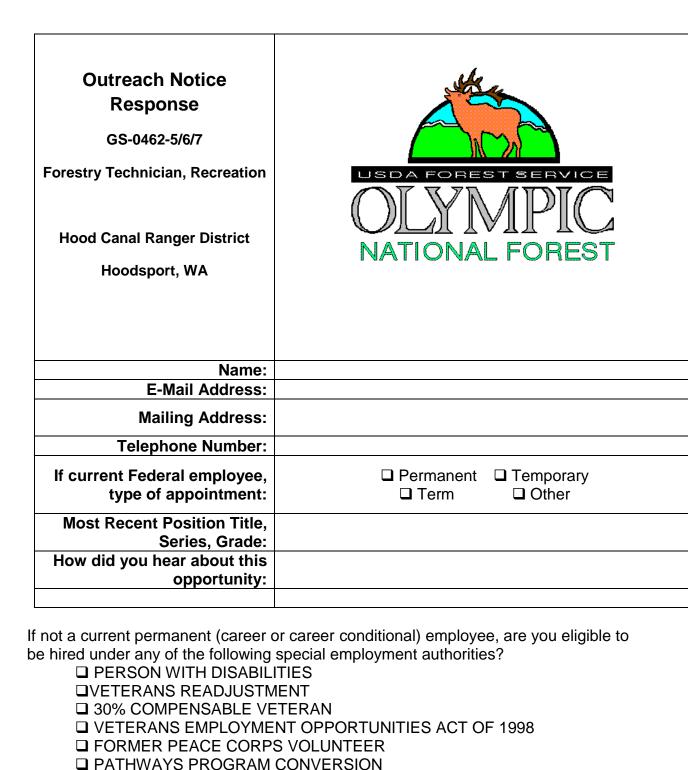
Short term housing in a shared bunkhouse may be available with permission from the District Ranger.

## **Community Information**

Hoodsport lies on the western shore of Hood Canal, 37 miles south of Quilcene and 15 miles north of Shelton. Clams, oysters, and shrimp are harvested from area waters, and the Olympic Mountains to the west offer many opportunities for hiking, camping, and enjoying the National Forest and Olympic

National Park. The Washington State Ferry System connects the Olympic Peninsula to the Seattle urban area where sports, arts, and entertainment associated with a major city may be found.

Hoodsport has a population of 2,500 and Shelton has a population of 9,600. The median price of a home in Mason County is approximately \$260,000 (2010). For more information about Hoodsport, check out <a href="www.hoodsportwa.com/">www.hoodsportwa.com/</a>. For more information on the communities around Hoodsport, check out <a href="www.explorehoodcanal.com">www.explorehoodcanal.com</a> or the Shelton-Mason County Chamber of Commerce web page at <a href="www.sheltonchamber.org">www.sheltonchamber.org</a>.



Please send your completed form and optional brief resume describing your skills and experience to Nicole LaGioia, District Recreation Manager, at nllagioia@fs.fed.us.

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